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University of Minnesota, Morris Scholastic Committee
Meeting #21, April 25, 2011

The Scholastic Committee met at 8:00 on Monday, April 25, in Imholte 217.

Present: C Cole, J Goodnough (Chair), S Gross, S Haugen, A Helgerson, H Ladner, L Ranelli, J Schryver, C Stemper, D Stewart

Visitor: M Page

Guest: J Zych Herrmann

1. The minutes of April 18 were approved.

2. Report from the Chair

Today will be the last meeting of the semester, barring emergency petitions.

Members of the 2011-2012 SSSC summer appeals group were selected according to the following criteria:

- Experience with admissions
- Strong advisors
- Experience assisting students in academic difficulty or personal distress
- Experience in Academic Alert
- Familiarity with academic policies
- Experience with athletics or extracurricular activities
- Divisional representation if possible

The members are:

- Dorothy De Jager
- Jess Larson
- Mike Korth
- Dan Magner or Chad Braegelmann
- Michelle Page

3. Approval of revised content of AI document

The Academic Integrity procedures were approved. The chair thanked the committee, especially Tammy and Hilda, for the careful proofreading and thoughtful responses to the drafts. . It will be sent to the Campus Assembly listserve and there will be a hot link on the Scholastic homepage. At the May 2 meeting of Campus Assembly the chair will present the document, highlighting the substantive changes.

4. 2011-2012 Agenda Items

Below are some agenda items for 2011-2012; the list may grow.

1. Review of where SC is without the Secretary position

- a. What has fallen through the cracks (not receiving data, catalog changes, . . .)
- b. Develop automatic processes to get needed data from Doug Williams

2. IELTS scores – request recommendations from Int'l Student program advisors and from Admissions.

Consider additional assessment of skills upon arrival at UMM, based on score.

3. Send email to all faculty re required activities during Study Day/Finals

4. International student questions

- a. Report on the Summer Intensive English program at UMM

b. P3 → MELP

5. Report from Jenn Z on the MNSCU practice concerning suspended student admission
6. Effect of Academic Integrity violations on student awards
7. Leave of Absence for students/readmission (Registrar)
8. Changes necessary to Academic Alert/Mid-term Alert policies as a result of Pharos
9. Advisor One Stop web page for Scholastic Committee issues tied to our policy page
10. Continue to educate the campus about academic integrity
11. Track 4-year math data

5. Demonstration of Pharos 360 software (8:30) – UMM has been searching for software to assist the operation of the Academic Alert system. Pharos is a data collector that will provide information that formerly was looked up manually.

Reasons for Change

- Dual alert systems were cumbersome for both the alerting faculty and the responding alert team
- Anticipated enterprise alert system was tabled by OIT
- Reduction in staff time dedicated to supporting current system
- Increased system expectations for retention and graduation rates

Selection Process

- Complements our advising style
- Short-term contract (3 years) with lower costs each year versus a huge investment for the long term
- Information will be available to UMM users according to their current access in UMReports
- Pharos group is responsive--modifications have already been written to meet our needs
- Business Intelligence module has been added that can provide reporting

The committee discussed the importance of training for faculty in the use of Pharos. Suggestions included buying faculty time to train an expert in each discipline.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy De Jager

3. Discussion and vote on Academic Integrity Procedures

Tracy Smith, University legal counsel, recommended several additions that reinforce the U of M interpretation of FERPA as it applies to internal information. That language will also be inserted in the letter from Student Affairs. Support Staff provided by the Assistant Dean's office (which does not exist) was changed to "Dean's designee with Scholastic Committee approval." The changes will be incorporated into a final document that is submitted for Campus Assembly endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy De Jager

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